1	2	3
Quality improvement	10.60	10.71
Human resource development & works	1.04	1.09
Total (X Plan period)	137.20	137.00

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Spices exported through Spice Board

1181. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many spices are exported through Spice Board;

(b) whether it is a fact that cultivation, harvesting and production of most of the spices is not under the preview of the Spice Board;

(c) whether it has been observed that such multiplicity of agencies/Departments has had an adverse effect in cultivation and production of such spices; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to streamline the institutional arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Spices Board is an export promotion organization and not directly involved in the export business of spices. Presently about 185 different items of spices in whole and processed form are exported from India.

(b) Yes, Sir. As per the Spices Board Act, production development of cardamom (small & large) is vested with Spices Board. Production development of spices other than cardamom is the responsibility of Union Ministry of Agriculture and concerned State Government.

(c) and (d) Since production development of spices falls within the mandate of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and State Governments and the export promotion is the responsibility of the Spices Board, concerted efforts are required for coordinating the overall performance of the sector. The Board is interacting with various research institutions such as state Agriculture Universities, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology, Indian Institute of Spices Research etc. Spices Board is also extending its activities in coordination with National Horticulture Mission/State Horticulture Mission, Directorate of Arecanut and Spices for development of identified spices based on specific projects/proposals.

Decline in Exports from India

1182. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports of India during the last three years, month-wise, sector-wise;

(b) whether it is true that February 2009, recorded the lowest exports in the thirteen years; and

(c) what plans does Ministry has to export more and more goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of export of India during the last three years, month-wise, sector wise are available in the official website of the Department of Commerce- www.commerce.nic.in

(b) Exports during February 2009 recorded negative growth of (-)10.95% as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. Information on India's exports in the months of February during the last 13 years (1997-2009), in Rupee terms, is given below:

Month/Year	Exports*	
	Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	% Growth
February, 1997	985263	-
February, 1998	1144811	16.19
February, 1999	1211835	5.85
February, 2000	1484593	22.51
February, 2001	1718619	15.76
February, 2002	1721152	0.15
February, 2003	2045930	18.87
February, 2004	2818780	37.77
February, 2005	3514658	24.69
February, 2006	4019259	14.36
February, 2007	4663628	16.03
February, 2008	6047581	29.68
February, 2009**	5385512	-10.95

* Export including Re-Export

** Provisional

(c) In the context of global slowdown and consequent fall in India's exports, a number of steps have been taken by the Government which, *inter-alia*, include interest subvention on pre and post shipment credit for labour intensive exports; additional allocation of funds for export incentive schemes; enhancement of Duty Drawback Benefits on certain items; provision of additional funds for textile sector Under the Technology Up gradation fund (TUF) etc.